It is Sunday the 14th December 2008 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY news bringing you - cast 1524.
Views expressed in this news bulletin are not necessarily those of the Broadcast Officer, the Relay Officers, or of the Society.
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1524 for 14th December 2008
Next week, 21st December, will see the last ANARTS News bulletin for 2008. News bulletins will resume on 11th January 2009.

IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 5th to 11th December, issued on 12th December by the IPS Radio and Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
10cm flux	69	69	69	69	69	71	70
AFr index	7	14	6	1	1	2 (	5 estimated)
Aaus index	9	14	7	4	3	5 (	6 estimated)
T index	-27	-31	-50	-31	-36	-40	-25

Solar flare activity was low on 11th; otherwise activity was very low during the week.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian region was quiet to unsettled on 5th and 7th; quiet to active on 6th; quiet on 8th to 10th; and quiet, with some activity at high latitudes on 11th.
Southern Australian ionospheric F2 critical frequencies was near predicted to 25 per cent depressed on 5th and 11th; depressed 20 per cent to near predicted, then depressed again to 25 per cent after local dawn on 6th; depressed 25 to 30 per cent on 7th; mostly depressed 15 to 30 per cent on 8th; depressed 40 per cent to near predicted on 9th; and near predicted to 45 per cent depressed on 10th.
Sporadic E was reported on 8th to 11th.
Forecast for 12th to 18th December
Solar activity should be very low.
Geomagnetic activity should be mostly quiet; with possible isolated active periods on 12th and 13th.
Frequencies should be near predicted monthly values to 30 per cent depressed, with occasional greater depressions. Sporadic E may disrupt or degrade F region communications at times.
Courtesy of the IPS Radio and Space Services
Summary by Pat Leeper VK2JPA

RTDX1211 RTTY DX
VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES FOR WEEKENDING 11, DEC 2008 (BID RTDX1211)
IT IS WITH GREAT PAINE THAT AFTER ABOUT 20 YEARS I MUST STOP ON
EDITING THE NOTES. UNFORTUNATELY HEALTH STATUS OF MY ANCIENT
MOTHER NEEDS MY PRESENCE COSTANTLY. HOPE TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK
SOME DAY ON THIS JOB.
IN THE MEAN TIME LET ME TNX YOU ALL FOR HELP AND CONTRIBUTIONS
DURING THIS LONG PERIOD. TNX TO ALL AND WISH YOU MERRY XMAS AND
AN HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2009.
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Our thanks this week go only to: AA5AU, GU0SUP, UT5RP, OH2AQ
DXSummit
Bandpass:
Friday 5
0554--7040 N3MK IOTA NA-83
0749-14086 A61CK
0751-14085 JT1DN
0842-10140 T31DX
1116--7026 T31DX
1137-14083 XU7ABN
1207-14081 EK6TA
1310-14083 C31CT
1323-18102 CO0V IOTA NA-015
1325-14085 TF3GC
1426-10142 YL2CA
1522-14080 OD5/IV3YIM
1539-14080 TG9/IV3IYH
1548-14083 TI8II
1613-14080 9J2QQV
1705-14080 TR8CA
1907-14085 ET3SID
2017-14083 V55SRT
2053--7041 OD5/IV3YIM
2209--7039 FM5AA
2257--7038 CO2GL
Saturday 6
0009--7038 CO2GL
0033-14085 BX5AA
0036--7052 XE1V
0229--7045 J39BS
0250-21089 BX5AA
0348-21085 E21YDP
0442--7028 T31DX
0552--7028 TG9/IV3IYH
0636--7033 ZC4LI
0832--7038 UW8I
0853-14088 CT3FQ
0854-14098 ZC4LI
0936-14081 E21YDP
0937-14083 4L1BR
0939-14086 BX5AA
1003-14079 OD5/IV3YIM
1027-14078 UN6P
1031-18103 XU7ABN
1035-14099 CT3FQ
1054-21082 EA8/DL3KVR
1104-18104 UN9PQ
1212-14086 TF3PP
1327--7032 VR2XMT
1345-14091 VU2NKS
1410-14105 ZC4LI
1429-14101 J39BS
1437-14082 UR8IDX
1449-14106 CO2GL
1508--7032 UW8I
1534--3524 T31DX
1539-14093 TG9/IV3IYH
1610-10141 TF3PPN

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1721-14078 E51QQQ
1738-14081 KH6GMP
1748--3580 IS0/I5OYY
1755--7043 OD5/IV3YIM
1803--7034 ZC4LI
1810-14083 NP2KW
1813-14081 6W1SE
1830-14090 CT3FQ
1918-21087 CO8LY
1921-21081 NP2KW
1942--7044 CT3FQ
2256-14088 VR2XMT
2258-14093 BX5AA
Sunday 7
0001--7038 XE3DX
0147-18110 T31DX
0439-21088 E51QQQ
0718-18102 TR8CA
0725-18103 HL5BMX
0917--7036 IS0/I5OYY
1034-14089 UN1L
1115-14088 J5UAP
1117-14083 IP9IPY
1147-14082 AM7CE
1156-14090 HI3TEJ
1240-18103 PZ5RA
1300-14084 TF3PPN
1336-14091 EU1PA
1453-14089 SU1KM
1517-14082 NP2KW
1657-14083 HZ1PS
1817-14081 HI3IK
1823-18105 E51QQQ
1911-10143 DP0GVN
1934-14086 OX3DB
1958-14085 ET3SID
2026-14082 TG9AHM
2158-14088 E51QQQ
2238-14086 FM5AA
2241--7045 A71CW
2244-14088 HP1AVS
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0230-21088 E51QQQ
0502-21080 T31DX
0700-14088 TR8CA
0706-14092 ET3AA
0711-14080 T31DX
1119-14089 UN1L
1304-14087 TI8II
1315-14081 CO8LY
1349-14083 XU7ABN
1359-14083 FR5MV
1416-14085 TF3GC
1510-14093 HZ1PS
1511-14096 SV9COL
1525-14082 CO2GL
1610-14082 V55SRT
1643-14085 TR8CA
2047-10143 EA8/DL3KVR
2125-14082 TG9AHM
2134-14084 XE3DX
Tuesday 9
0148-18100 T31DX
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0509-14085 T31DX
0724-14085 JT1DN
1015-14084 XU7ABN
1315-14084 VU2NKS
1331-14084 EW1AK
1338-14093 HZ1PS
1347-14086 TI8II
1404-14086 E74BYZ
1428-14084 NP2KW
1616-18102 ZP6/N3BNA
1800--7042 YC6EN
1839-14084 XE3DX
1912--1839 F6ECI
1938-10142 EA8/DL3KVR
1946-10143 6W2SC
2147-14083 CO2GL
2231-14085 XE2K
2320--7035 J3/DL5AXX
Wednesday 10
0410--1808 NP3D
0906-18104 E20WXA
0908-14084 JT1DN
0915-14082 6W2SC
0936-14082 EA8BLU
1252-14087 TI8II
1340-14081 J28KO
1434-14083 CO2GL
1505-14082 TF3GC
1506-14083 XE1DX
1537-14084 EA8/DL3KVR
1743--1838 RX0AE
1749--7035 EA8GE
1833-1839 LZ2DF
2127-7038 FM5AA
2131--7042 OD5/IV3YIM
Thursday 11
0203--7045 XE3DX
1213-14088 LX1EA
1320-14082 EP3SMH
1429-14085 FM5AA
1431-14092 SV9CVY
1436-14090 YW1TI IOTA SA-066
1458-14082 EA8BLU
1603-14088 TK5IH
1718-14082 ST2EB
Note of interest:
BANGLADESH, S2. A team from Bangladesh composed by S21RC, S21AM, S21DM and S21S will be operating from IOTA AS-127 St. Martin's Island. They will be on from 80 - 10m on SSB and RTTY. Estimated period is first 10 days of the New Year 2009.
PALESTINE, E4. A license has been granted to an Italian team and the period of their first activity will be from Jan. 1ST to Jan. 11, 2009. The callsign released is E44M and it covers from 160 to 2 meters SSB, CW, RTTY and all digital modes with a maximum power of 1KW. They will have 3 stations active with beams, vert. and wire antennas. The team includes the following 6 members: IK2CIO-IZ0BTV-IZ0EGM-IZ4AKS-IZ4DPV-IZ8IYX-SP3DOI. They will focus their activity to RTTY and other digital modes, low and WARC bands, giving attention to stations outside Europe, when the propagation will allow it. QSL also OK via IZ0BTV, Buro or direct.
You can also subscribe to the digital-dx reflector - send an e-mail message to majordomo@mla.nifty.ne.jp as follows:
Subject: (blank) Message Body: subscribe digital-dx
For next week's bulletin, send your bandpass and notes of interest to Don, AA5AU, e-mail: aa5au@bellsouth.net
Tnx again for all the effort during this long period together. I hope to come back on this job one day when actual situation will be over.

Gl de (DX2) Luciano, I5FLN
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The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 887 - excerpts
5K0, SAN ANDRES
Operators Cal/WF5W, Mike/K5UO (both members of the Texas DX Society), and Rob/HK3CW will be going to San Andres Island as a Multi/Single entry for the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 24-25th). The callsign will be 5K0CW. After the contest they should be on other CW bands during the daylight hours. They will also try to be active on RTTY. The trio is expected to be there a week before returning to Bogota. This is the second TDXS related trip to this island; this time focusing on 160 meters. The 160 meter antennas are a modified BC-Special and a K9AY for receiving.
DXCC NEWS
Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:
VK9DWX - Willis Island; 2008 Operation
VU4RG - Andaman & Nicobar Island; 2008 Operation
E4, PALESTINE
It was announced this past week that an Italian team of 6 operators were granted a license during the period of January 1-11th (2009). The team will use the callsign E44M and will be active on 160-2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and all the digital modes with a maximum power of 1KW. They will have 3 stations on the air active with beams, verticals and wire antennas. Operations will be focused on RTTY and the other digital modes, as well as the low bands and 30/17/12 meters. They plan to pay special attention to stations outside Europe when the propagation will allow it. Pilot stations will be announced later. More news will be available in the next few weeks. A Web page is now active at:
http://www.dxcoffee.com/e44m/
FG, GUADELOUPE (Special Activity)
Look for members of the Radio Club Guadeloupe (FG5KC) to be active as FG5KC/p during a demonstration for their youth at a science festival on a University Campus, December 12-13th. Activity will be on the HF/VHF bands and Digital modes.
FREE MAPS!!
Tim, EI8IC, has a great collection of the most comprehensive prefix maps on the Web; now available for free to download (ed. Yes, for FREE!). There are 34 new maps available separately or in a combined zipped archive. EI8IC also has a unique IOTA Bearing List which has been updated with all the latest IOTA island numbers. You can create your own list of beam headings and distance in miles or kilometres to ALL of the IOTA island groups. He also has maps for CQ Zones, ITU Zones, ITU Regions, Grid Squares, ARRL Sections and much more. Visit the following Web page at:
http://www.mapability.com/ei8ic/index.html
HB8/HE8, SWITZERLAND
The Union Schweizerischer Kurzwellen-Amateure (l'USKA), the Swiss National Ham Society, has granted all Swiss hams to use the prefixes HE8 and HB8 during the whole year of 2009 to celebrate the l'USKA 80th anniversary. Stations will sign HE8 instead of HB9, and HB8 instead of HB3. These prefixes are valid only from the Swiss territory. No foreign operators/activities are allowed (no callsign/HE8 or HE8 is possible).
IOTA NEWS
AS-151. Operators Semon/BD3BXH, Sandy/BG3DCI and Xiaoming/BG3DDB (and possibly other operators from the TianJin B3C Club) will be active as homecall/2 from JuHua Island, December 10-13th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via BD3BXH.
NA-112. Dennis, WA2USA, will be active as WA2USA/4 from Bogue Banks (USI NC-010S, Carteret County, North Carolina) between February 12-24th. Activity will be 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He will also participate in the ARRL CW DX and CQ WPX RTTY Contests. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.
KOSOVO NEWS (Press Release by Martti, OH2BH)
THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO ENTERS A NEW PHASE AS OF DECEMBER 9, 2008 "EULEX will switch on and UNMIK will switch off", as EULEX's head put it today!

http://www.eulex-kosovo.eu
It was just a few days ago in the United Nations Security Council where the UN Secretary-General's fresh report on Kosovo highlighted the considerable progress made in Kosovo since its independence in February of this year. All Council members supported the decision by the Secretary- General to adapt the UN's role to this new, positive reality by accelerating the downsizing of the UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the transfer of rule of law authorities to the European Union's mission, EULEX as of December 9, 2008.
There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the Republic of Kosovo, as it is called in UN terms, is there to stay as it is recognized by fifty-three UN member states today. Even those European countries not recognizing Kosovo because of their own minorities, voted unanimously to let the EULEX take over the next phase of the new country's development work. This is also another historical event where, for the first time, the European Union is working together and with the United States on a peace settlement issue.
OH9, FINLAND (Special Event - This one for the kids!)
Once again OH9SCL will be active from Santa Claus Land (SCL) in the Arctic Circle, during the month of December. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. There has been plenty of activity over the past week on 40/20/30 meters, some SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via OH9UV: PL 50, 96101 Rovaniemi, Finland. A special "Santa Claus Land" award is available. For more information about the award, please visit the SCL Web page at:
http://kotisivu.dnainternet.net/rakarttu/OMAT_KOTISIVUT/OH9SCL_2007/OH9SCL_2007.html
OP0, ANTARCTICA
Paul, ON3PC, who got his license only a short time ago, is expected to be active as OP0LE from the new Belgian Antarctic station "Princess Elisabeth" (http://www.antarcticstation.org) situated on Dronning Maud Land. Activities can be expected between mid-December and mid-February of 2009.
T2, TUVALU (OC-015)
Operators Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ will be active between February 17th and March 2nd. Their callsigns still have to be confirmed. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY. They plan to be an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the Bureau.
TC12, TURKEY (Special Event)
Special event station TC12AKUT is now active (since December 1st) through December 16th. This is the first activity by the AKUT DXpedition Team to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the "AKUT Search & Rescue Association". Team members are: Urcun/TA0U (Leader), Can/TA1CN, Onder/TA2CL, Eren/TA2FP, Kaya/TA2JG, Serkan/TA2JN and some other voluntary HAMs and friends. Operations will take place from Kartepe (2908m ASL) from the Camp/Technical Resp.: Serhat AKBEL.
VI2, AUSTRALIA (Special Event)
The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has issued a special callsign VI2BV90 to the Waverley Amateur Radio Society, the oldest continually licensed Amateur Radio Club in Australia. Waverley ARS was formed on January 27, 1919, and was issued the licence N249 on August 18, 1920. This became 2BV, then VK2BV, a callsign it still uses. The special callsign will be in use to celebrate Waverley's 90th anniversary. Look for their club station to be on the air from 0000z, January 24th, until 2400z, February 1st (2009). The operating schedule is currently being discussed, and once it is finalized, it will be updated on the club's Web site at:
http://www.vk2bv.org
XU, CAMBODIA (Also GM!)
John, 9M6XRO, will once again be active as XU7XRO from December 10-18th. His QTH will be Sihanouk Ville (Kompong Som). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL only via Tim, M0URX, by the Bureau, direct or E-mail requests to M0URX for Bureau cards. Full QSL info is available at:
http://www.m0urx.com
ADDED NOTE: John states he will be in Scotland over the Christmas and New Year's holiday season. He hopes to be active as GM3OOK from Irvine.
ZS8, MARION ISLANDS
There is still no activity reported. For updates and the first official

announcement of ZS8T being on the air, please visit the official ZS8T Web site
at:
http://zs8t.net

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au,
or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.
73â€™s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.